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SUBJECT: BOMBAY HIGH COMES ON STREAM

REF: NEW DELHI 0329

PLEASE PASS USGS, BURMINES, FEA, ERDA

1. FOLLOWING SEVERAL DELAYS DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF CRUDE BEGAN FLOWING FROM INDIA'S FIRST OFFSHORE WELLS IN THE BOMBAY HIGH STRUCTURE ON MAY 21, 1976 CULMINATING AN INTENSIVE EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BY GO'S OIL AND NATURAL GAS COMMISSION THAT BEGAN IN APRIL 1974.

2. PRESENT PRODUCTION IS FROM TWO WELLS AT A COMBINED RATE OF 4,300 B/D, BUT THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE STEPPED UP TO 8,000 B/D WITHIN ABOUT A WEEK FOLLOWING ACIDIZATION OF THESE WELLS. BY YEAR END THE PRODUCTION RATE FROM THIS FIELD IS EXPECTED TO REACH 1.5 TO 2.0 MILLION METRIC TONS (MT) PER ANNUM.

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3. IN THE MEANTIME, THE OILD FROM THE FIRST TWO WELLS IS

BEING PUMPED VIA PIPELINE TO A 87,000 DWT STORAGE TANKER FROM
WHERE IT WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO SMALLER "FERRY TANKERS" AND TAKEN
TO THE BHARAT REFINERY (FORMERLY BURMA SHELL) AT BOMBAY

4. MORE DETAILS ON THE BOMBAY HIGH DEVELOPMENTS WILL FOLLOW
SHORTLY.SAXBE

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